

Easement

WA-HAG-119

ABSTRACT

(R. Andrews, 7-76)

Hamilton Hotel

Mid 1880s

90-98 West Washington Street and

10-18 Jonathan Street

Hagerstown

Washington County

The Hamilton Hotel is one of the last remaining of several large hotel structures erected in Hagerstown in the late nineteenth century and is reflective of the strong influence transportation had on the City's economy at the time. Built in the mid 1880s for William T. Hamilton, Governor of Maryland from 1880 to 1884, the brick building is four stories high and has large, projecting corner towers and countersunk panels dividing the street elevations (south and west sides) into bays. The upper stories of the building appear to be basically unaltered as well as the series of shop fronts along Jonathan Street (west side). The building presently has apartments and offices.

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HISTORIC SITE
SURVEY INVENTORY

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: Hamilton Hotel				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Hotel Hamilton				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 90-98 West Washington Street and 10-18 Jonathan Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Washington		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments hotel, offices, shops
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Wesmarco Enterprises, Inc.				
STREET AND NUMBER: Box 2121				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown		STATE: Maryland		21740
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Washington County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: 95 West Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 563-90				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Hamilton Hotel stands at 90-98 West Washington Street in Hagerstown, Washington County. The building is located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Washington and Jonathan Streets, one block west of Public Square.

The building is a mid 1880s, hugely proportioned brick structure which is four stories in height with three, five stories high, corner towers (southeast, southwest, and northwest corners). The street level along Washington Street and part way along Jonathan Street have modern commercial fronts with the remaining portions of the building being fairly original, including the four store fronts at 10-18 Jonathan Street. The exterior is painted white although much of the paint is peeling off. The street elevations are divided into bays by countersunk panels which extend from the second floor up to the cornice level. Most of the windows have double-hung, wooden, rectangular sashes with two-over-two and segmental arch frames with scroll decoration in the arch panels.

The Washington Street (south side) corner towers have three, small, one sash windows in each below a bracketed cornice. A slightly projecting bay in the center of this elevation contains the main entrance for the hotel with a pair of round arch windows on the second floor, tripartite bay window on the third and fourth floors, and an open balustrade on the roof. The marquise above the doorway is arched and supported by two chains mounted to the brick wall. The marquise is not original and was probably added about 1920. The original entrance way, as shown in an 1887 publication (Hagerstown, Maryland Illustrated, p. 65), had a porch which projected slightly and was supported by double, classical columns.

The building appears to be structurally sound.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Mid 1880s

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Hamilton Hotel is one of the last remaining of several large hotel structures which were built in Hagerstown in the late nineteenth century when the City was entering into a period of economic boom associated with the great post Civil War industrialization period in the United States. Hagerstown was rapidly developing into a transportation center and, with its growth, a number of large hotels were constructed to meet the traveler's "bed and board" needs.

The Hamilton Hotel, referred to in contemporary literature as the Hotel Hamilton, was built about the mid 1880s for William T. Hamilton (1820-1888), a former Governor of Maryland. Hamilton purchased most of the property on which the hotel stands in the first half of the 1880s (for title references, see Deed Book 171, p. 126). Included is the site of the Antietam House, an early nineteenth century hostelry which stood on the corner of Washington and Jonathan Streets. The present building is illustrated in the 1887 Hagerstown, Maryland Illustrated (p. 65).

Hamilton, a native of Hagerstown, was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates in 1846 and served in the United States House of Representatives from 1849 to 1853 and in the United States Senate from 1869 to 1875. In 1880, Hamilton, a Democrat, was elected Governor of Maryland for a four year term under the State Constitution of 1867. A few years before constructing the Hotel Hamilton, about the late 1870s, Hamilton had been a major investor in the Baldwin Hotel which stands to the east at 36-48 West Washington Street (History of Washington County, vol. I, p. 399).

By comparison with the 1887 published illustration, the exterior of the Hamilton Hotel has been changed little over the years. The street level facades along Washington Street (south side) and a small part of the Jonathan Street side (west) have been extensively modernized. The upper stories and the series of shop fronts on Jonathan Street, however, all appear to be fairly original. The Jonathan Street store facades are a primary historical source for restoration of late nineteenth century commercial buildings in Hagerstown.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records, Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland.
 Williams, Thomas J. C. A History of Washington County, Maryland, 2 vols.,
 Hagerstown, Maryland: John M. Runk and L. R. Titsworth, 1906.
 _____ . Hagerstown, Maryland Illustrated. Hagerstown,
 Maryland: Mail Publishing Company, 1887.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreege Justification:

The property measures approximately 82' x 140'.

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Preservation Consultant (mbe)		DATE July 27, 1976
ORGANIZATION City of Hagerstown		
STREET AND NUMBER: City Hall		
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown	STATE Maryland	

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

 Signature

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
 Washington D.C. 20240

HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION—PART 1

Instructions: Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No certification may be made unless a completed application form has been received. Use typewriter or print clearly in dark ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part 1, use the reverse side or a separate plain sheet of paper clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part 1 of this application may be completed and sent to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer at anytime during the year.

PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

1. Name of property: Hamilton Hotel/Hotel Hamilton
 Address of property: 90-98 West Washington Street and 10 - 18 Jonathan Street
 City Hagerstown County Washington State MD Zip Code 21740
 Name of historic district in which property is located: Hagerstown Commercial Core Historical District

- Check here if request is for:
 certification (structure contributes to significance of the district)
 decertification (structure does not contribute to significance of the district)
 easement qualification (for donation of easement on structure or land for conservation purposes).

2. Description of Physical Appearance:
(see instructions for map and photograph requirements—use reverse side if necessary)

See reverse side

3. Statement of Significance:
(use reverse side if necessary)

See reverse side

Date of construction (if known): mid 1880's Original site Moved Date of alterations (if known): _____

4. Name and Mailing Address of Owner:

Name Hamilton Partnership
 Street 50 Summit Avenue
 City Hagerstown State MD Zip Code 21740
 Telephone number (during day): Area Code 301-733-4366

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I am owner of the property described above.

Signature H. Partnership by [Signature] Date 3/20/83
 Social Security Number or Taxpayer Identification Number 052-1271282

For office use only

The structure described above is included within the boundaries of a Registered Historic District and contributes does not contribute to the character of the district.

The structure appears does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and will likely will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with the Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60).

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Signature [Signature] Date 8-17-85
 State Historic Preservation Officer

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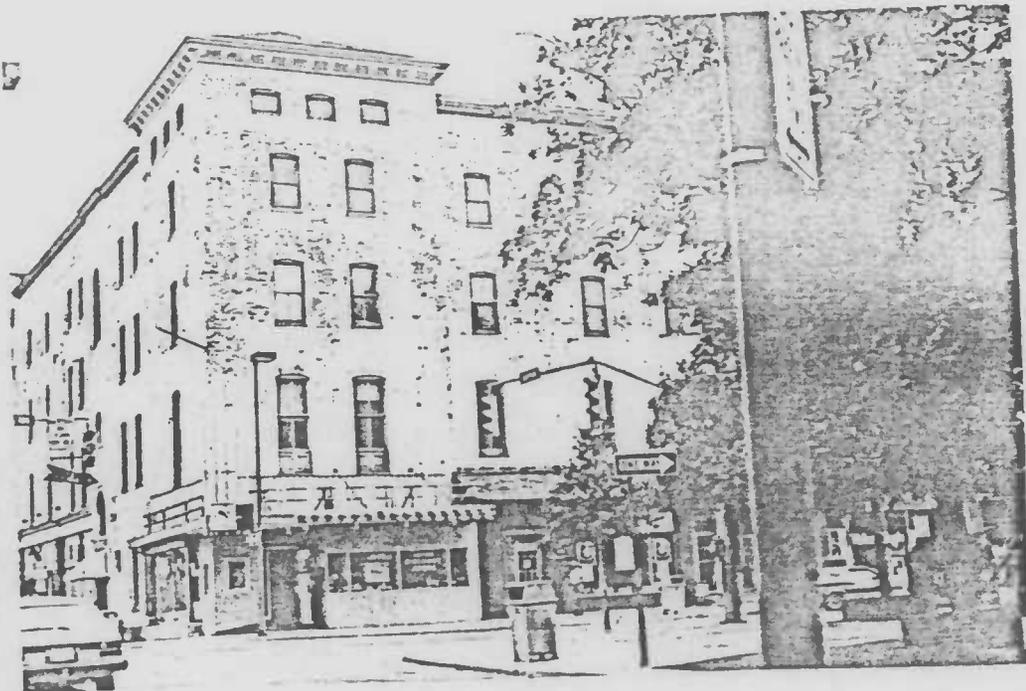
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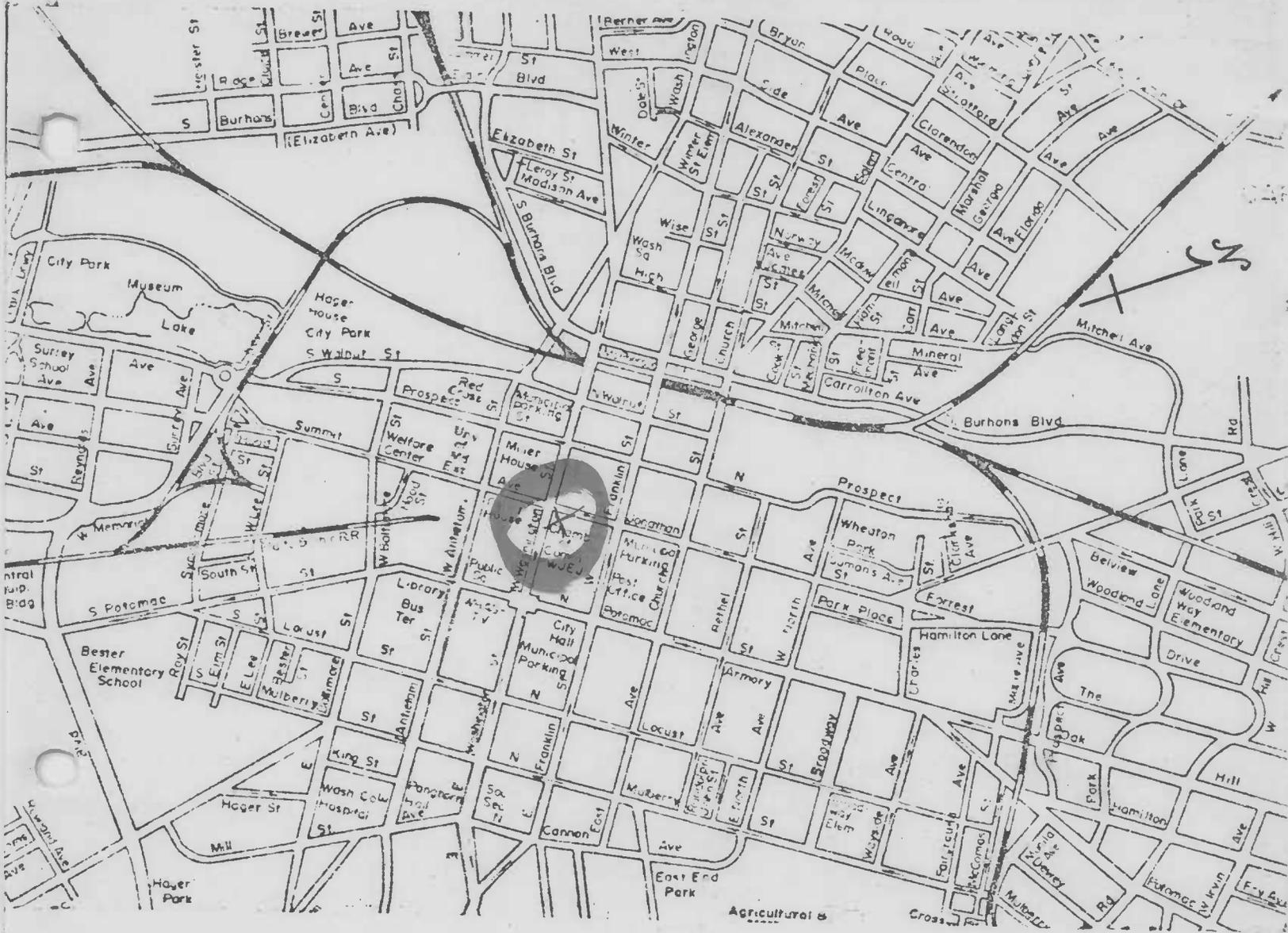
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 Hagerstown
 Washington County, Maryland

map: City of Hagerstown,
Washington County, Md.
 City Engineering Dept.
 July, 1970
 scale 1"=1200'



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Hamilton Hotel

90-98 West Washington St

Hagerstown

Washington Co., Md.

SW view

October, 1975

RONALD L. ANDREWS



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Hamilton Hotel

90-98 West Washington St

Hagerstown

Washington Co, Md.

west elevation store fronts
at 10-18 Jonathan St

April, 1976

RONALD L. ANDREWS



RUDY'S
PHARMACY
SODA
DRUGS
CIGARS

HEBERT
HOTEL

ice room

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Hamilton Hotel WA-HAG-119
90-98 West Washington Street
Hagerstown
Washington, County

circa 1920s view
source: Hilton C. Smith, Hagerstown

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HOTEL
MARYLAND

WASHINGTON
RESTAURANT

DRUGS

HAMILTON
RESTAURANT

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Hamilton Hotel WA-HAG-119
90-98 Washington Street
Hagerstown
Washington County

circa 1920s view
source; Hilton C. Smith, Hag.